THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD):(a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Relevant Indian Standard for General Service Electric Lamp is IS 418:1978. According to life performance test requirement specified in this standard, the average life of an electric bulb shall not be less than 960 hours. So far, BIS has issued 176 licences to the manufacturers permitting them to use ISI mark. Out of 1028 samples drawn from factory as well as from the market in the last five years for testing by BIS in various laboratories all over India, 66 samples were found failing in life requirements.

(c) Bureau of Indian Standards, through its Scheme of Testing and Inspection and Surveillance Inspection tries to ensure that the product of its licencees adheres to the specifications laid down in the relevant Indian Standard. Whenever variations are observed in the quality of the proudct, corrective action is taken by the BIS in accordance with the provisions contained in the BIS Act and Rules framed thereunder *viz.* a warning letter is issued on receipt of any failure report of a sample. In case of consecutive failures, the right of the firm to use the Indian Standard Mark is suspended.

F.C.I, godowns in Andhra Pradesh

988. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the godowns indicating their maximum storing capacities under F.C.I, in Andhra Pradesh with locations thereof;

(b) the details of the godowns in the State under private parties, with locations thereof;

(c) the rules, regulations, responsibilities etc. pertaining to maintenance of these godowns by the private parties;

(d) the conditions and financial assistance, if any, under which the task of construction of godowns and their maintenance is handed over to private parties; and

(e) the details of various advantages gained by F.C.I, after privatization of its activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA):(a) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has a total storage capacity of 32.225 lakh MTs (30.265 lakh MTs covered and 1.96 lakh MTs Covered and Plinth (CAP) in Andhra Pradesh as on 1.12.2003.

Statement showing the details of location, storage capacity available with FCI in Andhra Pradesh is annexed (*See* below).

(b) The Food Corporation of India has only one godown at Nagnoor (Karimnagar) having capacity of 30,000 MT hired from private parties in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) to (e) The godowns constructed by the private parties and maintained as per the lease agreement between FCI and the parties concerned.

There is no scheme in FCI for providing financial assistance to private parties for construction and maintenance of godowns at present.

Godowns constructed by private parties and hired by FCI adds to the storage capacity available for storing foodgrains.

Statement

Location-wise details of godowns, alongwith storage capacity available with FCI as on 30.11.2003.

(A) FCI owned godowns

Name of the Revenue District	Name of the Centre	Storage Capacity in MTs (Covered)
Srikakulam	Amadalavalasa	24880
Visakhapatnam	Vizag MD	35028
	Visakhapatnam (ANG)	24816
East Godavari	Biccavole	20000
	Kakinada	31610
	Dowleswaram	50000

District	Name of the Revenue Name of the Centre	Storage Capacity in MTs(Covered)
	Samalkot	50000 (CAP)
		45000
	Amalapuram (Peruru)	10000
West Godavari	FSD, Akiveedu	14620
	FSD, Bhimavaram	20800
	FSD, Eluru	27030
	FSD, Nidadavole	14590
	FSD, Palakole	10640
	BSC, Pennada Agraharan	70000
	FSD, Tadepalligudem	9200
Krishna	BSC, Gudivada	60000
	BSC, Hanuman Junction	40000
	Krishna Canal	12310
	Nizividu (Hanuman Junction)	(CAP) 65000
Prakasam	FSD, Ongole	30000
Guntur	FSD, Sattennapalli	16960
Chittoor	FSD, Chittoor	10000
Nellore	FSD, Kakatur	30000
Ananthapur	FSD, Timmencherla	26480
	BSC, Zangalapally	75000
	Z. Palli	(CAP) 45000
Ranga Reddy	BSC, Cherlapally	100000
	Cherlapally	(CAP) 11600
Hyderabad	FSD, Sanathnagar	53375
Nalgonda	BSC, Miryalalguda	76540
	BSC, Nalgonda	50000
Khammam	BSC, Khammam	60000
	FSD, Khammam	10840
Warangal	FSD, Kazipet	88340
Nizamabad	FSD, Dichpalli	10000
Karimnagar	BSC, Jammikuntha	50000
	Jammikuntha	(CAP) 30000
	FSD, Peddapalli	13340
	FSD, Mancherial	24040

(B) Storage capacities taken over under 7 years guarantee scheme from APSWC/CWC and private hired godowns in Andhra Pradesh.

Name of the Revenue District	Name of the Centre	Storage Capacity in MTs
Srikakulam	Rajam	10000
	Kotabommali	20000
	Palasa	10000
Vizianagaram	Cheepurupalli	10000
	G.M. Valasa	10000
Vizag	Vizianagaram	20000
	Bobbili	10000
West Godavari	Akiveedu	45000
	Tanuku	30000
	Palakole	45000
	Eluru	50000
	Narasapuram	10000
	Nidadavolu	50000
Nalgonda	Miryalaguda-I	20000
	Nalgonda	30000
	Chityal	30000
	Huzumagar	30000
	Wangapalli	50000
	Kodad-I	20000
	Kodad-ll	20000
	Miryalaguda	50000
	Bibinagar (Hyderabad)	30000
East Godavari	Samalkot	50000
	Balabadhrapuram	30000
	Dwarapudi	45000
	Kakinada	30000
	Rajahmundry (Rajavolu)	50000
	Ramachandrapuram	10000
	Tuni	10000
	Mandapeta	20000
	Rajole	10000

Name of the Revenue District	Name of the Centre	Storage Capacity in MTs(Covered)
	Ravulapalem	10000
	Pithapuram	10000
	Anaparthy	10000
	Biccavole	20000
	Vemulapalli	10000
Krishna	Jaggaiahpet	40000
	Nidamanur-I	40000
	Gudivada	20000
	Machilipatnam	40000
	Uppuluru	40000
	Nidamanur-ll	40000
Guntur	Nadikudi	45000
	Bapatia	40000
	Tenail	10000
	Sattenapalii	10000
Prakasam	Chirala	30000
Karimnagar	Peddapalli-I	15000
	Peddapalli-ll	15000
	Huzorrabad	40000
Adilabad	Adilabad	10000
	Macherial	20000
Khammam	Khammam-I	10000
	Khammam-ll	10000
	Wyra	10000
	Madhira	10000
Mahaboobnagar	Jadcheria	30000
	Gadwal	10000
Warangal	Enumamula	10000
	Mahabobabad	10000
	Jangaon	30000
	Warangal	20000
Medak	Medak	10000
	Zaheerabad	10000
	Sangareddy	10000

Name of the Revenue District	Name of the Centre	Storage Capacity in MTs(Covered)
Nellore	Kavali	10000
Chittoor	Renigunta	40000
Cuddapah	Cuddapah	10000
Hyderabad	Hyderabad (Chengicherla)	30000
Kurnool	Kurnool	10000
Nizamabad	Nizamabad	30000
(C) Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)		
Guntur	Guntur	1120
	Duggirala	3700
	Pedakakani	7000
Krishna	Gudiwada	5000
	Kaikalur	1280
	Nadamanur	10000
Karimnagar	Karimnagar (New Centre)	30000
	Karimnagar (Existing Centre)	3400
East Godavari	Kakinada	10000
	Rajahumundry	10000
Nizamabad	Sarangapur	3000
Medak	Siddipet	3040
Nalgonda	Suryapet	10000
Warangal	Warangal	8500

Import of rice

989. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a)'the stock of rice available in the country:

(b) whether Government are contemplating to import rice; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the quantum of rice to be imported?

†Original notice of trie question was received in Hindi.